Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 24 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 25 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Sunday 24 Dec 2023 at 02:02 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for a brief milder period at first followed by showery conditions until longer periods of rain and snow spread north for a time Monday and again from Wednesday. Lower confidence in the daily detail.

Headline for Sunday 24 Dec 2023: Cloudy, bright spells interspersed with showers, snow at height. Very windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 24 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Light snow showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
40%	50%	50%	50%	50%	20%

Forecast for Sunday 24 Dec 2023

Weather: A rather cloudy day with the occasional bright spell. Scattered showers through much of the day, falling as snow over the peaks and easing south of Lochaber towards the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%

Low Cloud and visibility: Broken cloud 600-800m will fall to lower slopes in showers. The visibility will be poor in showers but very poor in snow and cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	52/63 SW	56/70 SW	55/73 W	56/74 W	40/52 W	30/40 W	27/34 W
900	34/43 W	38/52 W	40/57 W	40/56 W	27/39 W	21/30 W	17/25 W
600	43/53 SW	46/59 SW	45/61 W	47/64 SW	32/43 W	18/26 W	16/24 SW
300	21/29 SW	24/37 SW	26/41 W	25/42 W	18/29 W	10/17 W	9/15 W
Glen	16/32 SW	22/44 W	21/44 W	23/48 W	16/34 W	7/16 W	7/15 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-0/-10	-1/-11	-1/-12	-2/-13	-3/-13	-4/-14	-5/-14
900	2/-5	2/-6	2/-7	1/-8	-0/-8	-2/-9	-2/-9
600	4/-3	4/-3	4/-4	4/-4	2/-5	0/-5	0/-6
300	7/2	7/2	6/1	6/1	5/-0	3/-1	2/-1
Glen	9/5	9/5	8/4	8/4	7/3	5/3	5/2
Freezing Level*	1100m	1100m	1100m	1000m	800m	600m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very strong winds to low levels will make walking difficult, the visibility will be poor in cloud and particularly in snow above 700 to 800m.

Forecast for Monday 25 Dec 2023
Weather: A mainly dry start with bright spells and the chance of an occasional shower. Overcast skies and showers spread northeast through the morning, merging into longer periods of rain for a time in the early afternoon and falling as snow above 300-400m. The rain and showers clear from late evening.

Maximum wind: South 15-20mph gust 30mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% falling 30% over southern ranges in the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Broken cloud 900-1100m becomes extensive and lowers to 700-800m over southern ranges for a time from the early afternoon. The visibility will be mostly good, falling poor in showers, very poor in snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius rising plus 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits in the morning lowering 600m later.

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